
UNIONISTS

FROM

St. Andrew's Church.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

The Committee, appointed by the Congregation of Unionists from St. Andrew's Church, have already reported verbally to the Congregation, at several meetings, such transactions as it seemed important that the Congregation should know; and they desire now to present a more formal report with reference to the affairs of the Congregation.

Your Committee beg to remind you that it is now fourteen months since we assumed our present position. It is unnecessary to detail the circumstances connected with that event, which will long be fresh in the memory of all. It is to be hoped that, amidst all the painful sacrifices which the wrench from old associations entailed, we shall not soon forget the pleasant relief which we have experienced in the kindly sympathy and harmony by which all our movements have been happily characterised.

Immediately after assuming our present position, your Committee endeavoured to make some permanent arrangement by which we might be able to work usefully together, as we had done before, in the cause of our Great Master. In their endeavours with a view to such arrangement, your Committee were anxious to keep in view the great principle which led to our present position; and they sought, accordingly, to recognise, in some practical way, the Union of the Presbyterian Churches in Canada which had just been accomplished. These efforts of your Committee have been already reported, and no further reference to them is necessary now. Since your Committee last reported, no proposal has been made which seemed likely to meet with general acceptance; and they have always acted on the understanding that you were averse to any course which could not be adopted by us as a body, but would lead to our being scattered among different congregations. Your Committee have, therefore, continued to make arrangements for worshipping together and conducting our different congregational operations, as we did at the first.

Your Committee beg to remind you that at first we had to depend for our services on such occasional supply as we could obtain from the clergy of the city, as well as from other ministers; and your Committee feel that we owe a debt of gratitude to those who, often at considerable

inconvenience to themselves, willingly came to our assistance at that time. When it became necessary to make some more permanent arrangement, your Committee were fortunate in securing the services of the Rev. Mr. Doudiet; and they believe they express the universal feeling when they congratulate the Congregation on having made an arrangement of such a satisfactory character. As an ordained minister, Mr. Doudiet has been able to perform, when required, all the functions of a pastor; and it must have been a special gratification to us all that, since he came among us, we have twice had the privilege of enjoying the Holy Communion together.

Your Committee beg to remind you that, since we began our services, the Psalmody has been superintended by Mr. Lewis, who has acted as Organist. Few know the trouble and inconvenience to which he has put himself, in attending to this important part of our service; and your Committee consider that it is our duty to make this special recognition of his valuable and willing services. Your Committee are also happy to acknowledge that we are further indebted to several other members of the Congregation, who have voluntarily acted as a choir for the improvement of our Service of Praise.

With regard to the various organizations for Christian work in connection with the Congregation, separate reports will be presented; and your Committee have much pleasure in directing attention to the gratifying character of the statements which they contain. The Sunday School is, when compared with the number of the Congregation, one of the largest, and, in respect of its teachers, one of the most efficiently equipped in the city. Your Committee have reason to believe that much good is being accomplished among the young by means of our Sunday School; and they feel that, for the success of this important work, we are indebted to Mr. Morris' long experience as a Superintendent, and the staff of experienced teachers by whom he has been supported. The reports from our Young Men's and our Young Women's Associations will also be found to be of a gratifying nature.

A financial statement is submitted, from which it will be seen that, after providing for all our wants, meeting all our liabilities, and contributing the sums requested from us by the Presbytery for the various schemes of the Church, we have been able to purchase the organ used in our service, and to retain a balance of \$195.31 in our favour. Through the agency of two members of the Young Women's Association, an extra sum of \$100.00 was subscribed by the Congregation, and presented to Mr. Doudiet on New Year's Day morning, with expressions of esteem and best wishes for his welfare.

Your Committee are pleased to observe that, notwithstanding the discouragements of our present position and prospects, our numbers have

evidently not diminished. The average attendance on Sunday is as good as at the beginning; and at last Communion the number of those who sat down at the table of the Lord was seventy-two, of whom six were new communicants, and two who recently came to us from another congregation. With regard to our future, your Committee can at present recommend only that we adhere to the course which we have hitherto adopted. Your Committee fully sympathise with you in the many inconveniences and discomforts connected with our position; but they feel that any other course just now would probably defeat the end for which we have made our sacrifices in the past.

All which is respectfully submitted.

On behalf of the Committee,

J. CLARK MURRAY,

Convener.

MONTREAL, February, 1877.

STATEMENT.

UNIONISTS FROM ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.

STIPEND AND GENERAL FUND.

From 15th May, 1876 to date.

To Rev. C. A. Doudiet.....	\$570.00	By Cash from Subscriptions to	
" Jos. Gould, for Church Organ.....	225.00	Stipend Fund	\$1051.50
" Ministers Widows' & Orphans'		" Special Contribution from a	
Fund	25.00	Lady Member of the Con-	
" City Missionary Fund.....	30.00	gregation	25.00
" Church Requisites, viz:		" Cash (from Church Fund) on	
50 Bibles	12.50	Organ Account	60.00
W. Drysdale & Co.....	12.00	" Special Subscription by the	
" Sabbath School Requisites, viz:		Congregation for Rev. Mr.	
W. Drysdale & Co.....	5.20	Doudiet.....	100.00
Hymnals	5.00		
" Jas. Starke & Co. for Printing	14.25		
" Periodicals.....	3.85		
" Charges	0.95		
" Special Subscription paid Rev.			
C. A. Doudiet.....	100.00		
" Balance on hand.....	232.75		
	<u>\$1236.50</u>		<u>\$1236.50</u>

E. & O. E.

MONTREAL, 7th February, 1877.

WALTER ROACH,

Treasurer.

STATEMENT.

UNIONISTS FROM ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.

CHURCH FUND,

From 13th Decr., 1875, to 1st Feby., 1877.

To Rent of Room to 1st Feby., 1877	\$468.00	By Collections, from 13th Decem-	
" Pulpit Supply.....	25.00	ber, '76 to 1st February, '77	\$648.59
" Social Entertainments	24.90	" Balance	37.44
" Advertising in Papers.....	10.00		
" Tees Bros., for Chairs.....	6.00		
" Fire Insurance.....	2.25		
" Home Mission Scheme.....	30.00		
" Presbyterian Record.....	12.50		
" Stipend Fund, on acc't Organ	60.00		
" Cleaning Rooms.....	26.50		
" Sundry Expenses	20.88		
	<u>\$686.03</u>		<u>\$686.03</u>

E. & O. E.

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The first step towards organizing the Sunday School in connection with this congregation consisted in an advertisement which appeared in the *Daily Witness* and other city newspapers of the 10th of December, 1875. It read as follows:—

"NEW UNION SUNDAY SCHOOL.

"Mr. Morris and the Union teachers who have left St. Andrew's Church will commence a Sunday School in the Natural History Society Rooms, University Street, on Sunday, the 12th inst., at three o'clock.

"All interested are invited to send their children."

At the hour named the teachers went to the appointed place, not knowing whether there would be few or many scholars present, but conscious of being in the path of duty, and determined to work for the Master if opportunity offered.

To their surprise and joy no less a number than 67 scholars enrolled themselves as members of the school, and this number within a short time increased to 135, of whom 101 were connected with St. Andrew's Church or school.

Fourteen gentlemen and twelve ladies (twenty-six in all) offered themselves as teachers and officers of the school.

The whole of these belonged to St. Andrew's Church, and twenty-two were teachers in St. Andrew's Sunday School.

On the 20th of December a teachers' meeting was held, at which Mr. John L. Morris was unanimously elected Superintendent of the new school; Mr. David Fraser, Secretary; and Mr. Walter Roach, Treasurer.

From that time until now the work of the school has been carried on enthusiastically and energetically, and the Superintendent and teachers have had the most encouraging support and assistance from the congregation generally.

A member immediately volunteered a most generous gift of \$50 towards purchasing a library, and a number of other contributions were spontaneously sent in, enabling the teachers to offer to the scholars one of

the best libraries in the city in proportion to the size of the school. The number of books is now 266.

On the 28th January, 1876, the first Annual Festival was held, and was largely attended by parents and scholars.

In the March number of the *Presbyterian Record* there was published an appeal to Sabbath School children and teachers, to join in raising a sum of money as a thank offering for Presbyterian Union, in answer to which, this school had the honour of being the first to respond, and at the mass meeting of Presbyterian Sunday Schools, held in St. Paul's Church on the 26th of June, at which there were present over 1,500 children, handed in \$25 as its contribution to the thank offering.

The school was closed during the summer months. In the month of September the scholars were entertained at a most enjoyable pic-nic on the Mount Royal Park. The amount contributed by the congregation for the general expenses of the school, including festival, pic-nic and library funds, was \$275.89, of which there has been expended \$273.18, leaving a balance on hand of \$2.71.

In addition to this, the Scholars contributed for Missionary purposes, \$146.88, which was allocated as follows:—

1. Thank offering for Presbyterian Union.....	\$25.00
2. The Hervey Institute.....	20.00
3. Bible Woman's effort.....	10.00
4. Presbyterian Sunday School Association.....	20.00
5. Rev. C. A. Doudiet's Sunday School (Russell Hall).....	20.00
6. Young Women's Association of this Congregation for the poor of the city.....	29.40
	\$124.40

Leaving a balance of \$22.48 still undisposed off.

The largest actual attendance of Scholars upon any Sunday was 121, and the average attendance of Scholars for the three quarters of the year, during which the School has been in operation is 93.

On the 1st of January (1877), Mr. and Mrs. Morris had the pleasure of receiving the best wishes of the teachers for a Happy New Year, accompanied by the gift of a beautiful Japanese Cabinet.

With deep regret the death of one of the most devoted teachers (Mrs. Stanton), has to be recorded.

Another of our much valued teachers resigned her class upon the occasion of her marriage.

The present Staff of Teachers consists of

John L. Morris, Superintendent.
David Fraser, Secretary.
Walter Roach, Treasurer.
Richard G. Starke.
Andrew T. Drummond.
Charles S. Drummond.
Henry Newman.
Frank Newman.
John McNish.
L. M. Lewis.
Wm. Cushing, Librarian.
John Fair, do.
Peter Gillespie, do.

Mrs. Morris.
Miss Lawder.
Miss Kinloch.
Miss Sym.
Miss Bell.
Miss Newman.
Miss Lewis.
Miss Cantin.
Miss McMaster.
Miss Fair.
Miss Christie.

Submitted on behalf of the Sunday School.

JOHN L. MORRIS,
Superintendent.

DAVID FRASER,
Secretary.

MONTREAL, February, 1877.

STATEMENT.

Unionists from St. Andrew's Church Sabbath School.

LIBRARY AND FESTIVAL FUND.

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Feby.	To Paid Expenses for S. S.	Jany.	By Amount Collected for
	Soiree in 1876..... \$44.21		Library and Festival
	For Gathering on New		Fund..... \$165.00
	Year's Day..... 5.75		" Donation from a Gentle-
Mar.	" Library Account:		man of the Congrega-
	Paid for Books. 138.61		tion 50.00
1877.		Sept.	" Donation from do. do. 5.00
Jany.	" Do. do. do. do. 52.36		" Amount Collected for
1876,	190.97		Pic-nic 41.00
Sept.	" Expenses of Pic-nic 32.25	Decr.	" Cash from Librarians.. 4.89
	" Balance on hand 2.71	1877.	" Contributions 10.00
	<u>\$275.89</u>	Jany.	<u>\$275.89</u>

E. & O. E.

MONTREAL, 7th February, 1877.

MISSIONARY FUND.

1876.		By Amount Collected in Missionary	
April.	To Young Women's Associa-	Boxes for the Year..... \$121.88	
	tion for Charitable Objects \$25.40	" Special Contributions by Scholars	
June.	" Thank Offering for Pres-	for Thank Offering 25.00	
	byterian Union 25.00		
1877.			
Feby.	" Russell Hall S. School... 20.00		
	" Hervey Institute 20.00		
	" Bible Women's Effort... 10.00		
	" Presbyterian S. School		
	Association..... 20.00		
	" Balance on hand 22.48		
	<u>\$146.88</u>		<u>\$146.88</u>

E. & O. E.

MONTREAL, 7th February, 1877.

WALTER ROACH,

Treasurer.

REPORT OF YOUNG WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

This Association was organized on the 13th December, 1875, the office-bearers being:

President, - - - - MRS. BEVERIDGE.
Vice-President, - - MISS CANTIN.
Secretary, - - - - MISS LEWIS.
Treasurer, - - - - MISS NEWMAN.

The general work engaged in was, assisting in the Church and Sabbath School, visiting and aiding the poor of the city, and the holding of Bible and prayer meetings.

During last winter the Association, assisted by the Young Men's Society, arranged for a Congregational Conversazione and Sabbath School Festival, both of which gave great satisfaction.

The Association also responded to an appeal from the Industrial Rooms Committee by sending contributions of fancy work to their annual bazaar; and two of the members collected for the Hervey Institute, in the district of the city allotted to them, the sum of \$68.00.

A Committee of the Association also visited among the poor, in connection with the Out-door Relief of the city, their visits extending over some weeks.

The prayer meetings were held on the first Wednesday of every month, and during the greater part of last winter subjects were selected from week to week for discussion.

The Association sustained a great loss in the death of Mrs. Stanton, whose unwearying interest in all its objects can never be forgotten.

Upon the occasion of the marriage of the President, Mrs. Beveridge, a resolution was passed wishing her every happiness in her new sphere, but expressive of the regret felt by the members that they would no longer have the benefit of her counsel and assistance.

The thanks of the Association are tendered to the Montreal Young Women's Christian Association for the use of their comfortable rooms for meetings.

C. R. FAIR,
Secretary

REPORT OF YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION.

The Association was organized at a meeting held on the 17th December, 1875, at which sixteen persons were present, and enrolled themselves as members. Before the close of the next month the membership had increased to fifty-one. The roll now includes fifty-five members.

The present Office-Bearers are :—

A. T. DRUMMOND, - - - - *President.*

JOHN MACNISH, - - - - *First Vice-President.*

W. M. CUSHING, - - - - *Second Vice-President;*

COLIN MCCALMAN, - - - - *Treasurer.*

JOHN FAIR, JR., - - - - *Secretary.*

Committee.—E. H. Bissett, Wm. Inglis, P. Gillespie, D. Kinghorn,
and J. A. McLennan.

The objects of the Association are more especially self-improvement, but it has been constantly kept in view that its members should always be in readiness to aid the Committee of the Congregation in any matters which would tend to promote the prosperity of the Congregation generally. Beyond these, no special work has, as yet, been undertaken by the Association. The matter has, however, not been altogether lost sight of, and it is believed that engaging in some active Christian work, outside of the Association, would be productive of good alike to members and to others.

During the present winter a definite programme of proceedings has been arranged, and is being regularly carried out.

Since the organization of the Association ten meetings have been held. At two of these meetings very interesting lectures were delivered—one by Mr. J. L. Morris, on "The Eastern Question," and the other by Rev. Mr. Deudiet, on "Clerical Sketches"—at both of which the attendance of the congregation generally was very good. Three debates

have also taken place—an important feature of which has been the successful coming forward, for the first time, of several of the younger members.

Two very successful conversaziones have likewise been held, under the joint auspices of this and the Young Women's Association.

The Committee feel that they have reason to rejoice at the success of the Association. The membership is large, and the heartiness with which many of the members have entered into the work of the Association, and their desire to make it a success, is very gratifying, and it is to be hoped that the spirit thus shown will not only continue, but will largely increase.

A. T. DRUMMOND,

President.

JOHN FAIR, JR.,

Secretary.

MONTREAL, 14th February, 1877.

